

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, representing Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Absent/Excused

Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms, absent
Ann E. Klein, Secretary, excused

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and Dave Humbyrd, County Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Ass't Corporation Counsel; Tracey Moro, Studio Communications; Karl Mark Pall, Historian; Camille Silda and John Crumm, Planning; Donna Cangemi and Cindy Donahue of AFSCME 411

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH REVISION: REMOVAL OF 7C UNDER OLD BUSINESS - 2005 PARKING COLLECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2005 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported that the budget is in good shape. The park is receiving grounds rentals and now hiring summer help.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced the Park Aide memo request and introduced the Commission to Mr. Tom Boyer, one of our part-timers, who has been selected for the temporary full-time Park Aide II position for this season.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph Liberato Building Plaque

Karl Mark Pall presented his design illustration of the plaque memorial of Ralph A. Liberato that will be installed in the Independence Building.

Donna Cangemi, President of AFSCME Local 411, appeared before the Parks Commission on behalf of Albert Garret, President of Council 25, and stated that a \$5,000 donation from Council 25 will be contributed to the Liberato Memorial Fund. Contributions are expected to come from other local unions, as well.

The County was asked to install the plaque. Mr. Pall anticipates sufficient donations for the plaque less installation and transportation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A PLAQUE TO BE INSTALLED. MOTION CARRIED.

2005 C & G Newspaper Mailing

Tracey Moro suggested advertising inserts be placed in the Fraser-Clinton Chronicle, Sterling Heights Sentry, Warren Weekly that will cover approximately 144,000 homes at a cost around \$8,000. Ms. Moro further recommended additional papers such as Shelby/Utica and/or Eastsider, should the Park wish to expand coverage. This recommendation is based on the assumption that Hillside Productions will be mailing inserts scheduled to go out May 25, 2005 in the Macomb Daily covering Harrison Township and Mt. Clemens areas. Ms. Moro indicated concert information is forthcoming from the Palace.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Whirlybirds Request – 2005

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval on Whirlybirds request to utilize the west lot on Wednesdays as they have used it in the past.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO APPROVE THE WHIRLYBIRD REQUEST AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Mr. Perna stated the language regards to collection of parking still needs to be developed.

Mr. Casasanta reported there was approval for Planning to submit a grant for Blueways Water Trail on Clinton River for the County. This is considered a new venture for Macomb.

Mr. Casasanta reported that 2,112 cars were parked during the Bearing Burners Car show of May 1, 2005.

Mr. Pall encouraged the use of the historical County website to promote advertisement on any historical events held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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